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SUB : REDUCTION OF US ASSESSMENT LEVEL IN WHO TO
25 PERCENT

1. THE CONGRESSIONAL MANDATE TO REDUCE THE US ASSESSMENT
LEVEL IN UN SPECIALIZED AGENCIES TO 25 PERCENT TOOK EFFECT
ON JANUARY 1, 1974. OUR ASSESSMENT IN WHO EXCEEDS THAT
LEVEL, FOR CY 1974 (29.18 PERCENT) AND FOR CY 1975 (25.64
PERCENT). WE HAVE ASKED CONGRESS TO APPROPRIATE AT THE
29.18 PERCENT LEVEL FOR CY 1974 BUT ACTION HAS NOT YET
BEEN TAKEN. CONGRESSIONAL ATTITUDES EXPRESSED DURING
RECENT HEARINGS INDICATE IMPATIENCE WITH OUR FAILURE TO
ACHIEVE 25 PERCENT CEILING.

2. IT IS LIKELY THAT BOTH UNESCO AND ICAO WILL REDUCE
ASSESSMENT TO 25 PERCENT LEVEL COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 1975,
LEAVING WHO IN AN ISOLATED POSITION. IT IS URGENT,
THEREFORE THAT WHO IDENTIFY A WAY TO REDUCE THE US LEVEL
TO 25 PERCENT PRIOR TO THE MEETING OF THE WHO EXECUTIVE
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BOARD IN JANUARY 1975 WHICH WILL CONSIDER THE CY 1976

ASSESSMENT LEVEL.

3. THE MISSION IS REQUESTED TO EXPLORE THIS MATTER WITH
ADG FURTH OF WHO IMPRESSING HIM WITH THE SERIOUS PROBLEM,

AND ENLIST HIS AID AND ADVICE IN TIME FOR POSITIVE ACTION
TO BE TAKEN AT THE FORTHCOMING MEETINGS OF THE EXECUTIVE
BOARD. THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF WHO AND ADG FURTH HAVE
BEEN EXTREMELY HELPFUL IN GETTING US DOWN TO OUR PRESENT
LEVEL WHICH WE DO NOT BELIEVE WE COULD HAVE ACHIEVED
WITHOUT THEIR ASSISTANCE. WE WOULD HOPE THAT THEY COULD
BE SIMILARLY HELPFUL TO US IN TAKING THE NEXT NECESSARY
STEPS. INGERSOLL

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